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SUBJ: BOKASSA'S BANQUET SPEECH IN PYONGYANG

1. THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO US THE FRENCH TEXT OF BOKASSA'S TOAST DURING HIS RECENT STATE VISIT TO PYONGYANG. BOKASSA'S SPEECH IS LACED WITH STANDARD AND RELATIVELY INOFFENSIVE REMARKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. HOWEVER, IT ALSO PRAISES NORTH KOREA FOR ITS "BRILLIANT MILITARY VICTORY OVER COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM". JUST CAUSES, HE COMMENTED, WOULD ALWAYS WIN OUT OVER THE EFFORTS OF COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM TO CARRY OUT THEIR "ABJECT PLAN OF DOMINATION."

2. DURING A CALL ON MEA SECRETARY GLNERAL KIBANDA JUNE 2, I MENTIONED THESE REMARKS AND SAID THEY WERE HARDLY CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERALCY FRIENDLY TENOR OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE VICTORY OF THE NORTH KOREANS, IF VICTORY IT WAS, WAS OVER THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES RESISTING AGGRESSION. THE U.S. PLAYED A LEADING PART IN THIS EFFORT. THE NORTH KOREANS HAD BEEN THE AGGRESSORS AND I REGRETTE THAT THE EMPEROR HAD SEEN FIT TO PRAISE THEM FOR IT. KIBANDA, WITHOUT COMMENTING ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SPEECH, SAID HE WOULD CONVEY MY COMMENTS TO THE FOREIGN
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MINISTER AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE GOCAE POSITION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN DUE COURSE.

3. COMMENT: I DO NOT EXPECT TO HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER FROM THEM ON THIS SUBJECT. IT IS, HOWEVER, USEFUL TO REMIND THEM THAT WE WATCH WHAT THEY SAY AND THAT WE ARE NOT INDIFFERENT TO ATTACKS ON US AND OUR ALLIES.

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